

Hornets and the St. Elizabeth community, and her legacy will continue to impact future generations through the foundations she helped put in place, so her induction into the Missouri Sports Hall of Fame comes as no surprise. I congratulate Coach Juergensmeyer on her many successes and wish her the best in her future endeavors.●

RECOGNIZING ROD DANIELS

● Mr. CARDIN. Mr. President, I wish to recognize WBAL-TV 11 anchorman Rod Daniels for his career of journalistic service to the residents of the Greater Baltimore area. Mr. Daniels has been a trusted voice on WBAL-TV 11 for more than 30 years, and his steady and colorful reporting has remained consistent and creative throughout that time. On the occasion of his final nightly broadcast, which will occur this Friday, I would like to thank Mr. Daniels both for his years of service and his dedication to bringing viewers the nightly news with a regular measure of hope.

At the time of his retirement, Mr. Daniels will have distinguished himself as the longest continually serving nightly news anchor in the Baltimore media market, no small accomplishment against the backdrop of industry-wide newsroom downsizing that has characterized the media business during much of his career. Mr. Daniels came to Baltimore in 1984 and has been there for the city through tragedies like the 9/11 attacks and all-too-recent riots following the death of Freddie Gray. His exclusive coverage when the Roman Catholic Church elevated Baltimore archbishops to its College of Cardinals rightly garnered national awards. So it was no surprise, then, that Baltimore turned to Mr. Daniels when it was time to host the welcome celebration for Pope John Paul II at Camden Yards, an enormous compliment and honor.

Throughout his career, Mr. Daniels has shown an ongoing commitment to craft, charity, and community. He has spent countless hours speaking to school groups, serving on the boards of organizations like the National Aquarium in Baltimore, and hosting events to battle deadly diseases like cystic fibrosis and cancer. Mr. Daniels even has taken the Polar Bear Plunge into the frigid waters of the Chesapeake Bay to help a worthy cause, while finding the time to film public service announcements against animal cruelty.

Mr. Daniels began his career as a weekend sports anchor at WIS-TV in Columbia, SC. He then moved to WTAE-TV in Pittsburgh as a weekend anchor and reporter, and then moved to WISN-TV in Milwaukee. Mr. Daniels is an alumnus of William Patterson University in Wayne, NJ, and received the Legacy Award for Distinguished Alumni from the William Patterson University Foundation in 2011. He also has completed enrichment programs through the Community Film Workshop Council.

I ask my colleagues to join me in expressing sincere appreciation and congratulations to Mr. Daniels for his many contributions and accomplishments throughout his distinguished career.●

CONGRATULATING ESTHER B. NEWMAN

● Mr. CARDIN. Mr. President, I wish to recognize Esther B. Newman, the founder and chief executive officer of Leadership Montgomery, a not-for-profit community organization dedicated to public service and management training in Montgomery County, MD. Mrs. Newman's vision of compassionate outreach, effective and inspirational leadership, and community improvement have long nurtured the people of Montgomery County, effecting positive change for nearly 40 years.

Ms. Newman was born and raised in Washington, DC. She began her secondary education while balancing the responsibilities of motherhood. She graduated from Montgomery College, one of Maryland's premier community colleges, with an associate's degree in mental health in 1975. She later earned a B.A. in human service administration from Antioch University and an M.S. in applied behavioral science from Johns Hopkins University.

The foundations of Ms. Newman's legacy of public service were established shortly after her graduation from Montgomery College when she established the Family Life Center of Montgomery County in 1976, where she served as director until 1979. She then transitioned into work at Olney, MD's Montgomery General Hospital as a public relations consultant, simultaneously contributing to the local *Courier-Gazette* newspapers as a community correspondent and serving as an officer on the Upper Montgomery Community Mental Health Center Citizens Advisory Committee.

Throughout the 1980s, Ms. Newman continued to serve in an extensive capacity across Montgomery County, encompassing a diverse portfolio of health care focused outreach, volunteer service, and civic leadership positions. In 1981, Ms. Newman joined the Olney Chamber of Commerce and became a board member in 1984. By 1983, she had moved into a leadership role as the program director of the YWCA of Montgomery County and later joined the Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce, where she held the role of executive director from 1986 through 1988.

As the decade drew to a close, Ms. Newman drew on her years of public service and leadership experience and formulated a curriculum of management training retreats, lectures, and educational guidelines. She worked with the late Larry Pignone of the United Way to establish Leadership Montgomery in 1989, where she has served as director ever since. The core program of Leadership Montgomery, which incorporates youth, business ex-

ecutive, senior, and emerging leader training modules, is aimed at inspiring the next generation of business and civic leaders in Montgomery County and beyond. Above all, Leadership Montgomery strives to establish a more inclusive management community, comprised of leaders of diverse backgrounds and perspectives.

In the 26 years since its founding, Leadership Montgomery has enriched and educated more than 2,000 graduates. The success of this mission is reflected in the program's accomplished alumni, with local Board of Education members, Circuit Court judges, members of both the Maryland Senate and House of Delegates, and Montgomery County Councilmembers among them.

Throughout her career in public life, Esther Newman has also helped to raise more than \$5 million in contributions for scholarships and programs, in addition to nearly \$3 million of in-kind donations. For her unparalleled commitment to service, generosity, and tireless devotion to the betterment of Montgomery County, she has been recognized with numerous accolades, including Jewish Women International's Women to Watch Community Leadership Award in 2011, the Corporate Volunteer Council President's Award in 2009, the Victims' Rights Foundation's Game Changer Award in 2014, and an honorary degree in public service from her alma mater Montgomery College in 2002.

Ms. Newman will be retiring from her position as director of Leadership Montgomery in September, after more than a quarter-century of education and guidance. Her compassionate spirit, inspirational leadership, and unwavering devotion to civic improvement have long inspired the greater Montgomery County community. Many of the people Ms. Newman have touched have taken the lessons that they have learned at Leadership Montgomery into business and government. Though she will soon step down as a director, I have no doubt that Ms. Newman will continue to be involved in the community and will continue to inspire others to enter leadership roles. I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing her all the best for a restful and fulfilling retirement.●

TRIBUTE TO DAVID G. BAKERIAN

● Mr. CARPER. Mr. President, it is with great pleasure that I rise on behalf of the Delaware delegation to honor the service of David G. Bakerian upon his retirement as president, CEO and treasurer of the Delaware Bankers Association. David has dedicated the past 22 years of his life to helping lead the banking industry and keeping it alive and thriving in Delaware for the countless people it employs and serves.

As president of the Delaware Bankers Association, David's priority has been to ensure that a significant part of America's banking industry—one of Delaware's top employers—maintained